

PATENT**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph of the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph [1048] on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

[1048] Scheduler 240, in base station 104, is used to determine whether and how data should be transmitted to one or more mobile stations within the serving cell's coverage area. Any type of scheduling algorithm can be deployed within the scope of the present invention. One example is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/798,951 U.S. Patent No. 6,335,922 issued on January 1, 2002, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORWARD LINK RATE SCHEDULING", filed February 11, 1997, assigned to the assignee of the present invention.